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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 3978

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CG, KN, KS, US, PFOR

SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN APPROACH TO US OFFICIAL

1. SUMMARY: NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR HERE HAS UNBURDENED HIMSELF TO EMBOFF, RECOMMENDING EVACUATION OF US TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA, PROBING SUBJECT OF AMERICAN WILL TO FIGHT, IN DEFENSE OF SOUTH KOREA, INQUIRING ABOUT USG RESPONSE TO A NORTH KOREAN "LETTER", AND EXPRESSING HOPE FOR CONTINUED DIALOGUE. END SUMMARY.

2. AT MAY 9 SOVIET EMBASSY CELEBRATION IN KINSHASA, NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR RIM DAL SUEN CORNERED EMBASSY PRESS OFFICER SCHRAGER AND, THROUGH INTERPRETER, TALKED AT HIM FOR TWENTY MINUTES, PERMITTING FEW OPENINGS FOR REJOINDER.

3. GIST OF SUEN'S MONOLOGUE WAS AS FOLLOWS: IF USG IS WISE IT WILL WITHDRAW ITS FORCES FROM SOUTH KOREA TO PERMIT "PEACEFUL" REUNIFICATION. NORTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT IS STILL AWAITING REPLY TO LETTER IT SENT TO US CONGRESS ON
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KOREAN SITUATION. SUEN INQUIRED ABOUT REACTION OF US PUBLIC

TO WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN VIETNAM, AND PARTICULARLY IF THERE WAS ISOLATIONIST TENDENCY. HE THEN INTERRUPTED SCHRAGER'S REPLY TO SAY HE NEVERTHELESS QUESTIONED AMERICAN WILL TO FIGHT. SUEN ASKED THAT HIS APPROACH BE CONVEYED TO USG AND SAID HE HOPED CONVERSATION COULD BE CONTINUED, OFFICIALLY OR UNOFFICIALLY.

4. AT ONE POINT SCHRAGER ASKED WHETHER SUEN'S APPROACH TO AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL ON THESE ISSUES WAS NOT A LITTLE UNUSUAL IN VIEW OF ABSENCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS. SEUN WAS NETTLED AND ASSURED SCHRAGER HE KNEW WHAT HE WAS DOING.

5. COMMENT: WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON HOW TO DEAL WITH SEUN IF AND WHEN HE RENEWS HIS APPROACH. MEMCON BEING POUCHED DEPT. AND USIA.
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